

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION

PROGRESSIVE PREFERRED  
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

V.

JMP ENTERPRISES, INC.,  
JOHN MARK PARKER, and  
JENNIFER M. GOLDEN,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:06-CV-934-WKW

## ORDER

The case is before the court on the plaintiff's Motion to Strike (Doc. # 6) the Answer filed by Defendants JMP Enterprises, Inc. ("JMP"), and John Mark Parker ("Parker"). The plaintiff asserts that JMP is a corporation that has improperly filed a pleading *pro se*. A review of the Answer (Doc. # 5) shows that Parker signed the pleading as an individual and as the president of JMP. "The rule is well established that a corporation is an artificial entity that can act only through agents, cannot appear *pro se* and must be represented by counsel." *Palazzo v. Gulf Oil Corp.*, 764 F.2d 1381, 1385 (11th Cir. 1985). This rule is applicable even where the person seeking to represent the corporation is its president. *See id.* Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and the Answer is STRICKEN. It is further ORDERED that JMP, though counsel, and Parker shall file an Answer or Answers **on or before December 21, 2006**. JMP is further ADVISED to file with its pleading a corporate disclosure statement in accordance with Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

DONE this 30th day of November, 2006.

/s/ W. Keith Watkins  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE